

SECOND REUNION

OF

THE DESCENDANTS

OF

JAMES AND SUSAN BRYSON HANNA

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The doors of the old Methodist Church at Bethpage were thrown open for the celebration of a happy anniversary by the Hanna family. The day was fair and balmy, and all nature seemed to smile upon a meeting so happy and so joyous.

At 10 o'clock an appropriate and impressive prayer was offered by Rev. J. G. Ray, after which the house was called to order, and the object of the meeting briefly explained by Miss Pattie Malone, as follows:

It certainly is with mingled feelings of pride, joy, and sadness, too, that we look upon this assembly of friends, of relatives, and guests. But why are we here to-day? What is the purpose for which we have assembled? First, we are here to honor the memory of the dead; then, too, we are here as loved ones reunited after long, long years of separation. Then, again, we come extending to one and all a free and hearty welcome to this, our family reunion. Greetings to you, our friends; greetings to you, our kindred; and greetings to these old family servants who have fallen into ranks to-day in honor both to the dead and to the living. Yes, welcome, thrice welcome here to-day, old friends, for in you we recognize one of the most sacred links that bind us to the precious hours of a happy childhood. And now, in view of the fact that we are here for a purpose, I would suggest that we as a family make a permanent organization of this assembling together, and subject it to the call of its presiding officers. What say you, my kindred?

The suggestion was favored and acted upon by making James B. Malone temporary chairman, and Miss Pattie Malone secretary. J. B. Malone, upon taking the chair, made the following remarks:

My dear friends and relatives: We have assembled as a family to celebrate this, the seventy-fifth anniversary of the arrival of our grandparents in this beautiful valley which we now occupy and regard as truly the garden spot of earth. This day is also a reunion, or bringing together, of the various branches of our family, which movement was inaugurated by our old uncle, James Bryson Hanna, just twenty years ago. Upon that inaugural day many of us were present to partake of his hospitality, but others who shared with us the joys of the day are gone, as is indicated by these draped and vacant chairs. Uncle Bryson was the chief or prime mover in originating and establishing the observance of this anniversary, and enjoyed its first celebration more than any other event of his life. It was his desire, and perhaps his request, that this coming

together should be perpetuated by the Hanna family, and strictly regarded throughout the generations to come. He has no direct representative, but we are all here to do as he desired, and we hope that each member of this household may enter upon the observance of this, the second anniversary, with a family pride that would have met his approval. Then let us all, from the gray-haired sire to the prattling babe, be proud participants in this happy event. It is a fact well known, and one to which we point with pride, that in this, the Hanna family, there is no discord, no disagreement; harmony and love prevail, and we, the older members here to-day, would ask that the same sentiment abide and continue with us and all who are to follow. In my capacity as chairman, I now suggest that we have as President the oldest male member of the Hanna family, and for Vice-president the next in point of seniority, and further, that the term of office continue through life and descend regularly to the oldest male representatives.

The proposition was unanimously accepted, thus making Dr. T. M. Woodson, President, and J. D. Carr, Vice-president. Miss Pattie Malone was chosen Secretary. Mr. T. G. Watkins, of Louisville, Ky., in behalf of the relations, presented her with a gold fountain-pen.

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The President, Dr. T. M. Woodson, took the chair and addressed his kinsmen as follows:

I appreciate this as the highest honor of my life. What I am, whatsoever I may have or may hereafter accomplish of good in this life, I am proud to say is due in a great measure to my mother, to her influence, her training, her example, and by whom I am brought into relationship with the family here assembled. I am happy to pay this tribute of love and honor to her memory to-day. I am proud to acknowledge the ties which, through my mother, bring me into relationship with this family reunion.

Following this came the election of honorary members, whereupon the names of Senator W. B. Bate and wife, Hon. J. A. Trousdale, Hon. James W. Blackmore, Rev. J. G. Ray and wife, Dr. James M. Head, Mr. Charles B. Rogan, Col. A. R. Wynne, A. B. C. Dickerson, Mrs. Polly Bryson Harris [a niece of Susan Bryson, Mary “Polly” Graham Bryson, married Greenberry Harris], Mary, Mrs. Amanda Key, and Mr. Thomas Hunter, were presented as representatives of some of Sumner county’s oldest and best families, and unanimously received as honorary members of the organization.

The President then gave a historical sketch of the Hanna family:

To-day we are here to celebrate an anniversary in the history of James and Susan Bryson Hanna, deceased.

On the 17th of April, 1816, they, with a family of four daughters and three sons, having journeyed from Surry county, N. C., arrived at what is now known as the old "Hanna Homestead," and cast their lot in a land of strangers. Here they lived and reared to manhood and womanhood those seven sons and daughters, all of whom are represented here to-day save two, who never had families, and one other whose representative is unexpectedly denied the pleasure of being with us to-day.

Twenty years ago the fifty-fifth anniversary, and the first which they had ever observed, was celebrated by five living members of the Hanna family and their descendants. To-day

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we are here to honor the seventy-fifth, representing three living generations, and we, the oldest, bearing the same relationship to the third that our grandparents do to us. But during these twenty years many changes have been wrought. Even before the close of that eventful year, which they had just memorialized, one had passed away, and soon another, and thus on and on, till all have crossed over the river. These vacant chairs are emblematic of their departure, and speak to our hearts in sweet but sad tones of loved ones who are not.

One remarkable feature in the history of our fathers and mothers is that the homes of four of them during all the years of their married lives was a part of the old grandsire's estate and not an intervening house between until they had begun to pass away; and even to-day those dear old homesteads are all, save one, still owned and occupied by their children. And yet another fact, which we realize with some degree of alarm and regret, and that is, though our family record has been kept unbroken, though we cherish the old name with the fondest pride, yet to-day there are only three of the descendants of Jas. Hanna who bear his name—Dr. J. B. Hanna and his two sons.

Again, in connection with some of these, our guests, there are to us interesting facts of family history. Seated in our midst this morning is the venerable J. G. Ray, who for long years was the friend, the pastor, the neighbor, of our fathers and mothers. For a quarter of a century at least, he was almost a daily visitor in their homes, he was with them here when they came to worship, and when sickness and death approached he was by the bedside of each of the five whom he had known so intimately in life, and remarkable as may be the fact, it is nevertheless true that he preached the funeral discourse of each. Welcome here to-day, our dear old friend! We extend to you most cheerfully greetings of love in fond remembrance of other days. And again we are honored, too, by the presence of our much-loved kinswoman, Aunt Polly Bryson Harris [a niece of Susan Bryson, Mary "Polly" Graham Bryson, married Greenberry Harris]. Though our relationship with her comes on the maternal side, yet the name—Bryson

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—we revere and honor with an equal feeling of love and pride, for it is likewise a part of our birthright. Aunt Polly, these vacant chairs speak tenderly and lovingly to you this morning. You were the friend, the associate, the life-long companion of those whose memories we are commemorating to-day. Our hearts go out in love to you, as we remember the sacredness of the ties which bound our loved ones to you. While we welcome and honor each guest here to-day, we feel that in you is the most sacred link that binds us to the buried past, and from our hearts comes forth a universal echo, breathing words of love and welcome to you, Aunt Polly.

The old family record, which we now present for the benefit of those who are soon to take our places, we hope will be handed down from generation to generation as a sacred relic of our family history:

James Hanna, born June 15, 1765, and died March 29, 1833.

Susan Bryson Hanna, born May 18, 1773, and died July 22, 1840.

James Bryson Hanna, son of James and Susan Hanna, was born in Surry county, N. C., February 13, 1797, and died August 30, 1875.

Martha Hanna Carr, daughter of the same, was born in Surry county, N. C., March 19, 1799, and died August 5, 1881.

John Doak Hanna was born May 20, 1801, and died April 5, 1833.

Lucinda Hanna Woodson was born December 7, 1803, and died May 8, 1872.

Keturah Hanna Malone was born January 5, 1806, and died December 31, 1884.

Minerva Hanna Tinnin was born March 31, 1808, and died August 21, 1837.

Abner Lee Hanna was born August August 26, 1810, and died May 27, 1871.

Thus all of the seven have passed away, and here, where they have worshiped in other days, they sleep in the old burial

ground at Bethpage [Bethpage Cemetery, Bethpage, Sumner County, Tennessee], all save one, who rests 'neath the sod of her adopted State, Mississippi [Minerva Hanna Tinnin is buried in the Harrison-Tinnin Cemetery, Tillatoba, Yalobusha County, Mississippi]. Sleep on, fathers and mothers—

“Till the resurrection king shall bid you arise,

And join the mighty hosts ascending to the skies.”

In conclusion, one sentiment appropriate to this occasion I earnestly desire to impress upon those of this family reunion representing my own generation, in the shadow of our natality and the tombs of our ancestors for three generations, which will ever be revered to memory dear. It is by one of America's brightest poets, an octogenarian who has studied mankind from every stand-point—mentally, morally, and physically—an honored physician, who thus sums up the crowning idea of life's experience:

“O, then, if reason falters at thy side,

Let humble memory be thy gentle guide;

Go to thy birthplace, and if faith be there

Repeat thy father's creed, thy mother's prayer.”

We refer to Oliver Wendell Holmes, and this day accept and adopt this sublime sentiment, our motto for this and all future reunions of the Hannas and their descendants.

The president then called for Bettie Franklin, of the fifth generation, and a representative of the family of Mrs. Lucinda Hanna Woodson. Her response was in the form of

A GREETING.

Our little hearts are happy now,

On this our anniversary day.

With love for all and ill will for none,

We can only be bright and gay.
We meet you here as friends we love,
And right gladly do we say
That our welcome extends to one and to all
Who meet with us here to-day.
Little links in the chain are we
That binds these hearts so fast,

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A chain which comes from the grandfather's chair,
And rests on us, generation last.

Our seats with fondest joy we claim,
To those chairs we point with pride,
And from there on down with fathers and mothers dear
We all in our places abide.

One, two, three, four, five are we,
Linked in the chain we here behold;
As backward we gaze past those that we love
To chairs that are vacant, of ancestry old.

Their honored names may we revere,
Though tiny buds in the group are we,
Though only a branch which stretches afar
To the grand old trunk of the family tree.

With both kindred and friends so dear,
We each leave greetings of love.
Chairs that are vacant and hearts that are still
Silently point to a union above.

Harry Lee Hanna was next introduced by the president as belonging to the fourth generation and representing the family of Abner L. Hanna. He responded by paying

A TRIBUTE TO THE NAME HANNA.

Three quarters of a century ago the name which I to-day so proudly bear became interwoven with the people, the interests, and the destinies of the pioneer settlers of our grand old State. Here in this beautiful Bledsoe Valley my honored ancestors lived and moved. Here they toiled and labored, and here their sacred dust is resting. One by one those aged sires and mothers have passed away, and we to-day are here as their living representatives to honor and reverence their memories. My old ancestral name 'tis my delight to love and honor, and may it be my good fortune to wear it through life as it was handed to me by a noble ancestry; an ancestry which boasted not of fame and wealth; fathers and mothers who gave not their time and talents to the hoarding up of earthly treasures, but who in the pride

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and honesty of their hearts sought to lead their sons and daughters to lives of noble deeds by instilling into their minds a love for that which was elevating and refining, a love for that which makes life grand and noble

and beautiful. Then may we, as lineal descendants of that name which stands out so conspicuously to-day, ever be true and loyal to our birthright; true to those grand old principles of honor and integrity which were bequeathed to us by those whose memories we perpetuate to-day; true to the beautiful lessons, and imitators of the noble examples of those fathers and mothers whose seats are now vacant, but whose influence still lives in the hearts and minds of those sons and daughters who have met here-to-day as the oldest living descendants of James Hanna, deceased, him who gave to us a name which is our family boast and pride, and to which we cling with affection and tenderness; a name which we hope never to see dishonored; and especially may the three in this family gathering who bear it never cease to honor and reverence the proud old ancestral name of Hanna.

Willie Staley, of the fourth generation, and a representative of the family of Mrs. Keturah Hanna Malone, next rendered

IN MEMORIAM.

Scarcely had my baby lips learned to lisp the sweet word mother, ere the death angel unfurled his broad pinions and bore hence a sweet spirit to a world of immortal glory and beauty. My angel mother! To-day her seat is vacant. To-day as I look upon those she loved, and with whom she was associated in life I realize the sad, impressive truth that my mother is not here. Only her little motherless girls are here to remind her loved ones that in their family chain there is a broken link and a vacant chair. Back among the sweet and tender memories of my baby years

“There are fragments of song that nobody sings,

Then in my ear sounds part of an infant’s prayer,

And I sometimes hear through the turbulent roar

A voice heard in the days gone before,

Ere they buried my mother there.

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“O a wonderful stream is the river of Time,

As it runs through the realm of tears
With a faultless rhythm and a musical rhyme,
And a boundless sweep and a surge sublime,
As it blends with the ocean of years.

“There’s a magical isle up the river of Time,
Where the softest of airs are playing;
There’s a cloudless sky and a tropical clime,
And a song as sweet as a vesper chime,
And the buds with the roses are staying.

“And the name of that isle is the Long Ago,
And we bury our treasures there.
There are brows of beauty and bosoms of snow,
There are heaps of dust, and we love them so,
There are trinkets and tresses of hair.

“O remembered for aye be that blessed isle
All the day of our life till night.
When the evening comes with its beautiful smile,
And our eyes are closing to slumber a while,
May that haven of rest be in sight.”

Fully do we realize to-day the sad truth that there are lessons in life’s unwritten volume which no human

eye can read. Childish love and affection bereaved of a mother's tenderness, baby lips denied a mother's kisses, and only God who gave and God who hath taken away knoweth why, but 't is ever thus.

“The young, the lovely pass away,
Ne'er to be seen again;
Earth's fairest flowers too soon decay,
It's blasted trees remain.

“Full oft we see the brightest thing
That lifts its head on high
Smile in the light, then droop again
And fade away and die.

“But kindly was the lesson given,
We'll dry the falling tear;
They came to raise our hearts to heaven,
They go to call us there.”

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Annie Carr, of the fifth generation, and representing the family of Mrs. Martha Hanna Carr, then closed the memorial exercises of the family by a recitation:

PASSING AWAY.

“‘Tis told by the dew-drops that sparkle at morn,
And when the noon cometh are gone, ever gone,
They all, in their diamond-like glittering, say,
Man’s life, like our radiance, is passing away.

“‘Tis written on flowers that bloom at our side,
Then wither away in their glory and pride.
Though speechless, they warn us each hour of the day,
Man’s life, like our bloom, is fast passing away.

“‘Tis sighed by the leaves when the chill autumn breeze
Tears rudely their hold from the wind-shaken trees.
They whisper alike to the youthful and gay,
Man’s life, like the autumn leaf, passeth away.

“The dear ones we love in our youth’s happy morn
Must go to that bourne whence none may return.
Speak gently unto us; O list while ye may,
For man’s short life is passing, passing away;

“Passing away like the stars in the morning,
Losing their light in the glorious sun;
Fading away while the years are rolling on,
Only to be remembered by what we have done.

“So in the harvest, if others may gather
Sheaves from the fields that in spring we have sown,
Who plowed or sowed matters not to the reaper,
If we’re only remembered by what we have done.

“Passing away like the stars of the morning,
So let our names be unhonored, unknown!
Here or up yonder we must be remembered,
Only remembered by what we have done.”

That aged Methodist minister, Rev. J. G. Ray, who for nineteen years had been pastor of the church at Bethpage and the intimate friend and associate of the Hanna family, then gave a brief but touching address in memory of the dead. Affection-

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ately he referred to the characteristics of each, and was deeply affected as he recalled the scenes and associations of his pastorate when they were members of his flock. Intimately had he known them, and tenderly had he loved them. They had been his true and faithful friends amid scenes of trial and affliction, and none were prouder to do honor to their memories than he. He had buried the old, had baptized the infants, and officiated at the marriage of many of the young men and women of the family, and felt as near to them as if bound by ties of blood.

Mr. Ray was followed by Hon. J. A. Trousdale, of Gallatin, who made a short but eloquent address. He paid a glowing tribute to the sturdy Scotch-Irish stock from which the family sprang and the old State that had given her sons to Tennessee. With deep feeling and true Southern pride he referred to the old, colored slaves of the Hanna family who were present upon this occasion in memory of the dead and in honor of the living. Touchingly he spoke of the scene before him as being a true Southern picture of the old ante-bellum days when master and slave alike honored and trusted each other. “Sentiment,” he added, “is the crowning glory of a reunion like this, sentiment, grand, and noble, and lofty, and without which there is nothing truly beautiful in life, sentiment impregnated with a desire to love and honor the tombs of your ancestors, and to keep forever fresh and green in your minds and hearts the recollection of their many virtues and excellencies.”

The address of Hon. Jas. W. Blackmore, of Gallatin was both eloquent and touching. He spoke as a descendant of people who had been life-long friends of the house of Hanna. None knew them better or loved them more than he. None would more cheerfully render honor and praise to this worthy family, or recount with more pleasure the virtues of the old North Carolina ancestry than he. With patriotic pride he recalled the sterling characteristics of the noble pioneers who had emigrated from the Old North State to become the very bone and sinew of our beloved Tennessee. He too, belonged in part to the old

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North Carolina yeomanry, and was proud of his descent, proud to trace his parentage, on one side of the line, back to the old “Tar Heel State.” With very deep feeling the speaker referred to the memorial exercises of the day, and felt glad to take part in the same, was rejoiced to see this family gathering, wished there were more of a like character and that we as a people were more appreciative and more devoted to the memory of our fathers.

Senator W. B. Bate, a native of Sumner county and a life-long friend of the Hanna family, added an eloquent testimony to the virtues of the dead and fitting praises of the living. In peace and in war they had nobly borne their part. Some of them he had led upon the battle field, and none were braver than they. One, John Richard Hanna, had fallen by the side of the speaker’s own brother upon the hard-fought field of Shiloh, and there he sleeps to-day in a soldier’s grave. Their records for honesty, integrity, and bravery were untarnished, and no family had greater reason to boast of an honorable ancestry than this household of Hanna. Senator Bate was deeply affected when he referred to the scenes and associations of his boyhood, and when he spoke of his mother, of whom the exercises of the morning, he said, had been sweetly suggestive, the “old man eloquent” broke down in tears. He closed by saying that he loved his old neighbors, he loved his old home and the dear old county of Sumner. God made Bledsoe’s Creek Valley the fairest spot in the world to him, and as such it should always remain.

The congregation then adjourned to the old family burying ground where the beloved dead lay sleeping. Tenderly and lovingly children and grandchildren laid their simple offerings of flowers upon the graves of the silent sleepers, and closed by singing:

MY BURIED FRIENDS.

“My buried friends can I forget?

And must the grave eternal sever?

They linger in my memory yet

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And in my heart they'll live forever.

They loved me once with love sincere,

And never did their love deceive me,

But often in my conflicts here

They rallied quickly to relieve me.

"I fain would weep—but what of tears,

No tears of mine could e're recall them.

Nor would I wish that grov'ling cares,

Cares like mine should e're befall them.

They rest in realms of light and love,

They dwell upon the mount of glory;

They bask in beams of bliss and love

And shout to tell their happy story.

"I heard them bid the world adieu;

I saw them on the rolling billow;

Their far-off home appeared in view

While yet they pressed the dying pillow.

I heard the parting pilgrims tell,

While passing Jordan's stormy river,
Adieu to earth for all is well;
Now all is well with me forever.

"O how I long to join their wing
And range their fields of blooming flowers;
Come, holy watchers, come and bring
A mourner to yon blissful bowers.
I'd speed with rapture on my way,
Nor would I pause at Jordan's river;
With songs I'd enter endless day
And live with my loved friends forever."

Rev. J. G. Ray pronounced a solemn and impressive benediction and the dead were left to their peaceful slumbers.

The old homestead is now owned by Dr. J. B. Hanna, and to this everybody at once repaired where preparations had been made by the Hanna family for the entertainment of their friends and guests. Social hand shakings and happy renewals of long-severed friendships now took place, dinner was served and all present were made welcome in true Tennessee fashion. The

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pigs and lambs that had been cooking slowly over a fire in a trench since the midnight previous, together with the stores of every thing else in the eatable line were amply sufficient to feed the one hundred and fifty-six persons who were present upon this occasion. Dinner being over the house was called to order by the president, and some impromptu exercises were forthcoming. Mr. Charles Rogan, a true and loyal son of Sumner county, and whose ancestors had likewise come from Ireland, as had the original Hanna stock, paid an eloquent tribute to the old Scotch-Irish family. He traced its history back to the reign of James II. when the

names of the noble ancestry stood out conspicuously among the tried heroes of those eventful days. No better blood, said he, could be found in America than that which coursed through the veins of the Hannas. The genealogical records had been scrupulously kept and he could easily verify his assertions.

A gold headed cane was given Dr. T. M. Woodson by his Hanna relatives and was presented by the secretary as follows: Mr. President: "Our anniversary day, with its exercises, which we trust have been pleasant to all, is now fast drawing to a close when many of us will speak the gentle word "good-bye" perhaps to meet no more forever. But one pleasant duty is yet unperformed; and hence I now approach you as the representative of these who are grouped about me, bearing a simple testimonial of love and affection which we would have you accept as emblematic of the best and truest feelings of our hearts. True and faithful were you to our loved ones who sleep in the old church yard and around whose graves we've stood today. True and faithful have you been to us all along the line of life; amid all of its changing scenes, its toils and vicissitudes you have been to us the same kind and loving friend. True, we would not have you measure our love and affection by this simple gift, but may there be associations linked with it that will always be sacred and endearing. May it not only be a support to you in your declining years, but as a daily companion may it

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oftimes cheer and comfort you with its suggestive memories of sweet and hallowed associations of the past, and always be, to you, a touching memorial of this, our anniversary day. Accept, then, this cane as coming from those who love and honor you, accept it with our best and kindest wishes, accept it not only as a token of love from us, but may it be a bright and sacred link binding you to our beloved and honored dead.

Dr. Woodson responded as follows: This is indeed an agreeable surprise which fills the heart too full for utterance, but we feel most when the lips speak not. This touches the tenderest chords deep in the heart and revives sweet memories of my life from the earliest dawn of childhood to mature years, recalling as it does the many happy hours of the long, long ago, pleasantly as they sped in the homes of our loved ones whose names are inscribed on this cane. Time has changed the scene leaving shadows tinged by sadness, as we recall that all those loved kindred have passed over the river, into the "Great Beyond," no more to return; whither we of to-day will ere long take our places, followed by others of our family line who will come after us in these reunions. May the bonds of love in this and all future reunions be as bright, enduring, and never tarnished by time or otherwise, as this beautiful gold inscription bearing the names of the honored parents of the donors—ever to be revered—is the sincere prayer of your unworthy but truly appreciative recipient, upon this occasion. I prize this memento of love and respect above all others of my life, will sacredly preserve and transmit it as an heir-loom in my family in honor of the name of mother and Hanna to the latest generation. I again thank you for this kind remembrance, and on future occasions, like this, when the roll-call marks the absence of many of us, may this beautiful memento, which begins its history to-day, be present, honorably owned and preserved by a branch of the Woodson family. Good-bye until we meet again here or in the great beyond.

It was unanimously voted by the donors of the cane that it

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should pass from the president, Dr. T. M. Woodson to his oldest male representative and from him on down the direct line, returning after the death of all his sons to the oldest male of the senior son and continue in descent as above, the object being to keep this heir-loom as near the old trunk as possible. It was further decided by the organization that the recurrence of these family reunions, or anniversary meetings should be subject to the call of its presiding officers. After joining hearts and voices in the touching words of "God be with you till we meet again," the happy band dispersed, each feeling that the day had been sweetly spent in honoring the dead and in the renewal of old and long severed ties of love and friendship.

CARR RECORD.

John Sewel Carr was born November 30, 1800, was married to Martha Hanna, October 9, 1823, and died May 21, 1872. [He is buried in Bethpage Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

James Cage, son of John Sewel and Martha Hanna Carr, was born July 21, 1824, and died August 5, 1855. [He is buried in Bethpage Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Samantha Eugenia, daughter of John S. and Martha Hanna Carr, was born August 14, 1827, and died October 18, 1883. [She is buried in Gallatin Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Susan Ann, daughter of the same, was born September 27, 1832.

John Doak, son of the same, was born August 13, 1837.

Martha Almera Martin was born May 14, 1828, was married to James Cage Carr, April 7, 1850, and died June 25, 1854. [She is buried in Bethpage Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Edward Sewel, son of James Cage and Martha Martin Carr, was born February 22, 1853. He was graduated in medicine from Jefferson College, Philadelphia, March 4, 1874. [He is buried in Gallatin Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Katherine Pauline Harlan was born March 16, 1830, was married to James Cage Carr, March 22, 1855, and died October 7, 1865.

Jimmie Cage, daughter of James Cage and Katherine Harlan Carr, was born February 16, 1856, and died January 26, 1863.

James M. Whiteside was born January 19, 1818, was married to Samantha Carr, February 10, 1847. [He is buried in Gallatin Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

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Ira Sewel, son of James M. and Samantha Carr Whiteside, was born December 28, 1847, and died August, 1878.

Alice Cooper, daughter of the same, was born February 24, 1851, died May 19, 1870. [She is buried in Bethpage Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Ole Cage, son of the same, was born April 23, 1853, died November 5, 1867. [He is buried in Bethpage Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Martha Blanche, born February 13, 1856. [She is buried in Gallatin Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

James Doak, born February 3, 1858.

Walter Lee, born December 14, 1865. [He is buried in Gallatin Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

William Thomas Rickman was born April 15, 1832, and was married to Susan Ann Carr May 25, 1854.

Mary Eugenia, daughter of William Thomas and Susan Carr Rickman, was born July 26, 1855.

Martha Jane, daughter of William T. and Susan Carr Rickman, was born March 30, 1857.

Willie May, daughter of W. T. and Susan C. Rickman, was born February 27, 1861, and died October 6, 1863. [She is buried in Bethpage Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

John Doak, son of the same, was born August 5, 1866.

Kate Carr, daughter of the same, was born December 22, 1869, and died July 15, 1888.

Pattie Winston was born October 1, 1844, and was married to John Doak Carr, February 25, 1868.

Jimmie Winston; son of John Doak and Pattie Winston Carr, was born August 3, 1869, and died August 5, 1869.

Kate Sewel, daughter of John Doak and Pattie Winston Carr, was born September 17, 1870.

Mattie Blanche, daughter of the same, was born November 15, 1872.

Edward Noel, son of J. D. and Pattie Carr, was born December 21, 1877.

Joseph Doak, son of the same, was born September 21, 1879.

Eliza Jamison was born December n, 1854, and was married to Edward Sewel Carr, M.D., January 14, 1875. [She is buried in Gallatin Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Annie Alma, daughter of Edward S. and Eliza Jamison Carr, was born September 8, 1878.

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James Frank, son of Edward S. and Eliza Jamison Carr, was born July 11, 1881. [He is buried in Gallatin Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Andrew Lewis Buettner was born February 26, 1845, and was married to Mattie Blanche Whiteside, December 20, 1883.

Marion W. King was born August 24, 1861, and was married to James Doak Whiteside, December 18, 1890. [She is buried in Gallatin Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

James Jefferson Jones was born October 6, 1851, and was married to Mary Eugenia Rickman, January 28, 1874.

Herbert Woolford, son of James J. and Mary Eugenia Jones, was born January 26, 1875, and died March 4, 1875.

William Rickman, son of James J. and Mary E. Jones, was born February 18, 1876.

John Edward, son of the same, was born January 4, 1880.

Hunter, son of the same, was born April 10, 1882.

Sue Carr, daughter of James J. and Mary E. Jones, was born October 31, 1885, and died August 28, 1886.

Harry Lee, son of the same, was born April 4, 1887.

James Jefferson, son of the same, was born February 28, 1891.

James Monroe Allen was born November 4, 1857, and was married to Martha Jane Rickman, January 4, 1880.

Charles Monroe, son of James Monroe and Martha Rickman Allen, was born November 16, 1880.

Earl Carr, son of the same, was born September 18, 1882.

Ethel Duggin, daughter of James Monroe and Martha Rickman Allen, Was born October 21, 1885.

Waldon Woosley, son of the same, was born February 14, 1888.

Katie Tennessee, daughter of the same, was born December 9, 1890.

WOODSON RECORD.

Rev. Lewis Miller Woodson, minister of the M. E. Church, South, was born November 6, 1806; was married to Lucinda Hanna, October 21, 1829; died December 2, 1862. [He is buried in Bethpage Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

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Thomas Morris Woodson, M.D., son of Rev. Lewis M. and Lucinda Hanna Woodson, was born July 20, 1830. He was graduated in medicine from the University of Louisville, March 9, 1850. [He is buried in Gallatin Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

William Peter, son of Rev. L. M. and Lucinda Woodson, was born February 6, 1832, and died April 23, 1853. [He is buried in Bethpage Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

James Doak, son of Rev. L. M. and Lucinda Woodson, was born February 26, 1834, and died March 8, 1838.

John Miller, son of the same, was born December 25, 1835, and died May 7, 1854. [He is buried in Bethpage Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Martha Elizabeth Booker, daughter of Rev. L. M. and Lucinda Woodson, was born August 20, 1839, and died April 20, 1866.

Ira Edward, son of the same, was born October 28, 1842, and died August 4, 1844. [He is buried in Bethpage Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Elizabeth Hall Crenshaw was born April 18, 1832, was married to Thomas Morris Woodson, M.D., February 8, 1852, and died August 19, 1854. [She is buried in Bethpage Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Ivone Miller, daughter of Thomas Morris and Elizabeth Crenshaw Woodson, was born February 8, 1854, and died September 24, 1854. [She is buried in Bethpage Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Amelia Matilda Allen was born November 19, 1834, was married to Thomas Morris Woodson, M.D., July 18, 1855. [She is buried in Gallatin Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Edwin Allen, son of Thomas M. and Amelia Allen Woodson, was born April 25, 1856. [He is buried in Gallatin Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

John Carr, son of Thomas M. and Amelia A. Woodson, was born January 25, 1860. [He is buried in Gallatin Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Margaret Lucinda, daughter of Thomas M. and Amelia A. Woodson, was born August 24, 1862, and died May 30, 1863.

Lewis Miller Woodson, M.D., son of Thomas M. and Amelia A. Woodson, was born April 1, 1864. He was graduated in medicine from the University of Louisville March 1, 1885. [He is buried in Gallatin Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Mary Elizabeth, daughter of the same, was born September 20, 1866, and died July 21, 1887.

Virginia Thomas and Tennessee Amelia, twin daughters of Thomas M. and Amelia A. Woodson, were born June 21, 1869. Virginia Thomas died April 15, 1887. [Tennessee Amelia is buried in Gallatin Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

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George Thompson Brown was born August 17, 1837, was married to Martha Elizabeth Booker Woodson November 16, 1860, and was killed in North Alabama October 25, 1863, in the service of the Southern Confederacy.

Georgetta Brown, daughter of George Thompson and Martha Elizabeth Woodson Brown, was born November 26, 1861. [She is buried in Gallatin Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Mary Ellen Poston was born December 18, 1856, and was married to Edwin Allen Woodson February 14, 1882.

Amelia May, daughter of Edwin Allen and Mary Poston Woodson, was born December 2, 1882, and died October 11, 1890. [She is buried in Gallatin Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Nettie Bullock, daughter of the same, was born March 31, 1885.

Thomas Milton, son of Edwin A. and Mary Poston Woodson, was born October 7, 1887.

Edwin Allen, son of Edwin Allen and Mary Poston Woodson, was born March 31, 1890. [He is buried in Gallatin Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Mattie Louise Tyree was born January 17, 1862, and was married to John Carr Woodson December 9, 1885. [She is buried in Gallatin Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Eugene Morris, son of John Carr and Mattie Tyree Woodson, was born December 13, 1886.

Lena Russell, daughter of John C. and Mattie Tyree Woodson, was born March 31, 1891.

Eva Brown was born July 31, 1871, and was married to Lewis Miller Woodson, M.D., November 18, 1890. [She is buried in Gallatin Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Ernest Franklin was born January 28, 1855, and was married to Georgetta Brown September 22, 1880. [He is buried in Gallatin Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Bettie Woodson, daughter of Ernest and Georgetta Brown Franklin, was born November 10, 1881.

John Thomas, son of Ernest and Georgetta Brown Franklin, was born April 14, 1884. [He is buried in Gallatin Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Lena Virginia, daughter of the same, was born September 10, 1888.

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MALONE RECORD.

James Norval Malone was born in Sumner county, Tenn., June 24, 1806. He was married to Keturah Hanna October 17, 1838, and died April 19, 1890.

Martha Alexander, daughter of James N. and Keturah Hanna Malone, was born September 2, 1839.

James Bryson, son of James N. and Keturah Hanna Malone, was born November 6, 1840. [He is buried in Gallatin Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Minerva Jane, daughter of the same, was born August 15, 1842.

Susan Catherine, daughter of the same, was born. June 29, 1844, and died January 23, 1880. [She is buried in Bethpage Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

John Wesley, son of James N. and Keturah Hanna Malone, was born September 9, 1846.

Kate Todd was born December 19, 1863, and was married to James Bryson Malone December 16, 1885. [She is buried in Gallatin Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Katie Harlan, daughter of James B. and Kate Todd Malone, was born, September 28, 1886, and died August 1, 1887.

Pauline, daughter of the same, was born May 21, 1888.

Joseph B. Andrew was born May 20, 1835, and was married to Minerva Jane Malone January 5, 1869.

Maybelle, daughter of Joseph B. and Minerva Malone Andrew, was born June 30, 1870.

Wesley Malone, son of the same, was born July 2, 1872.

Hallie Coleman, daughter of Joseph B. and Minerva Malone Andrew, was born August 24, 1874.

Katie Blanche, daughter of the same was born March 12, 1881.

Joseph Sterling, son of the same, was borne May 7, 1883.

William G. Staley was born January 4, 1836, and was married to Susan Catherine Malone February 4, 1875. [He is buried in Bethpage Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Willie Weston, daughter of William G. and Susan Malone Staley, was born November 11, 1875.

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James Alexander, son of the same, was born August 14, 1877, and died December 9, 1887. [He is buried in Bethpage Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Susan Catherine Malone, daughter of William G. and Susan Malone Staley, was born January 14, 1880.

Georgia Tompkins (nee Johnson) was born March 19, 1851, and was married to John Wesley Malone January 4, 1883.

Laura Hanna, daughter of John Wesley and Georgia Johnson Malone, was born June 9, 1889.

TINNIN RECORD.

James A. Tinnin was born January 22, 1802, was married to Minerva Hanna, 1830, and died September 10, 1874.

John A., son of James A. and Minerva Hanna Tinnin, was born July 14, 1831, and died April 26, 1862.

Susan J., daughter of James A. and Minerva Hanna Tinnin, was born July 5, 1833, and died January 13, 1881.

Mary E., daughter of the same, was born March 28, 1835.

James Doak, son of the same, was born March 11, 1837, died October 30, 1862.

Mary E. Garner and John A. Tinnin, were married March 27, 1856. She died July 9, 1861.

George A., son of John A. and Mary Garner Tinnin, was born March 11, 1857.

James T. Tinnin, son of John A. and Mary Garner Tinnin, was born February 1, 1861.

G. P. Kuykendall was born December 21, 1827, and was married to Susan J. Tinnin, July 25, 1854.

James I., son of G. F. and Susan Tinnin, Kuykendall, was born August 25, 1855.

Callie Word, daughter of G. F. and Susan Tinnin Kuykendall, was born June 25, 1857, and died August 14, 1858.

Charles D., son of the same, was born March 11, 1859.

John Newton, son of the same, was born April 27, 1861, and died September 27, 1863.

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Bertha B., daughter of the same, was born April 29, 1868.

George Ira, son of the same, was born June 22, 1870.

Mary E., daughter of the same, was born November 20, 1872.

James F. Williams and Mary E. Tinnin were married August 8, 1854. He died in the service of the Southern Confederacy in 1862.

Thomas A., son of James P. and Mary Tinnin Williams, was born September 1, 1855.

James D., son of the same, was born May 29, 1857.

Susan P., daughter of the same, was born November 16, 1859.

Mary E., daughter of the same, was born March 1, 1863.

Mrs. Sudie Nat Pou (nee Sims) was born June 12, 1860, and was married to George A. Tinnin, October 19, 1887.

Thomas Newell, son of George A. and Sudie Sims Tinnin, was born March 20, 1889.

Minnie Lou, daughter of the same, was born April 28, 1891.

Maggie Burdeshaw and James T. Tinnin were married February 8, 1888.

Mary Georgia, daughter of James T. and Maggie Burdeshaw Tinnin, was born October 13, 1889.

Bettie, daughter of the same, was born February 28, 1891.

Ida Duke and James I. Kuykendall were married December 23, 1880.

Genevieve, daughter of James I. and Ida Duke Kuykendall, was born September 19, 1881.

Anna Sue, daughter of the same, was born March 14, 1883.

Mary E., daughter of the same, was born March 9, 1885, and died March 14, 1885.

Eda Pearl, daughter of the same, was born March 13, 1886.

James Duke, son of the same, was born November 25, 1891.

Ella Bradforce and Charles D. Kuykendall were married February 10, 1886. Ella Bradforce Kuykendall died October 31, 1891.

Maggie, daughter of Charles D. and Ella Bradforce Kuykendall, was born December 9, 1887.

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Bettie Sue, daughter of the same, was born October 15, 1890.

E. J. Moore and Bertha B. Kuykendall were married January 19, 1886.

Sue Tinnin Moore, daughter of E. J. and Bertha Kuykendall Moore, was born November 4, 1886, and died November 4, 1886.

Georgia E. Moore was born March 1, 1888.

Willie D. Moore was born December 25, 1891.

Madie E. Wilkins was born January 4, 1864, and was married to Thomas A. Williams, August 7, 1888.

Eva Belle Williams, daughter of Thomas A. and Madie Wilkins Williams, was born October 28, 1889.

Oger D. Williams was born June 7, 1891.

Amanda B. Massey and J. D. Williams were married November 24, 1881.

A. S. Martin was born October 17, 1854, and was married to Susan P. Williams January 29, 1879.

James D., son of A. S. and Susan Williams Martin, was born July 17, 1880, and died August 28, 1881.

Norman B. Martin was born July 9, 1882.

Reginald Martin was born March 23, 1885.

Tinnin Martin was born March 21, 1887.

Winterford Martin was born May 31, 1890, and died August 26, 1891.

S. R. Carr and Mary E. Williams were married September 2, 1885.

S. R. Carr, son of S. R. and Mary Williams Carr, was born July 26, 1886.

Annie May, daughter of the same, was born February 24, 1888.

HANNA RECORD.

Mary Jane Parker was born March 26, 1821. She was married to Abner Lee Hanna November 9, 1837, and died October 4, 1885. [She is buried in Bethpage Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Susan Ann Hanna, daughter of Abner Lee and Mary Parker Hanna, was born August 22, 1838, and died July 4, 1844. [She is buried in Bethpage Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

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Minerva Tinnin Hanna, daughter of the same, was born May 4, 1840. [She is buried in Bethpage Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

John Richard, son of A. L., and Mary Parker Hanna, was born March 10, 1842, and was killed at the battle of Shiloh, April 6, 1862, during the Civil War of 1861-65.

Mary Elizabeth Hanna, daughter of the same, was born April 12, 1844. [She is buried in Stone-Baulch Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Margaret Keturah, daughter of the same, was born June 6, 1846, and died July 31, 1847.

James Bryson Hanna, M.D., was born June 23, 1847, and was graduated in medicine from the University of Louisville, March 4, 1870. [He is buried in Bethpage Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Martha Hall Hanna, daughter of A. L. and Mary Parker Hanna, was born April 8, 1852, and died September 23, 1854.

John Graham Holder was born October 16, 1833. He was married to Minerva Tinnin Hanna, October 16, 1860, and died November 22, 1867. [He is buried in Bethpage Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Johnella Manassas Holder, daughter of John Graham and Minerva Hanna Holder, was born August 24, 1861.

Jennie Lou, daughter of the same, was born. June 24, 1863.

Carrie Lee, daughter of the same, was born March 19, 1865, and died August 20, 1865. [She is buried in Bethpage Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

William Franklin Holder was born November 1, 1821. He was married to Mrs. Minerva Hanna Holder, February 7, 1878.

William and Minerva, twin son and daughter, of William F. and Minerva Hanna Holder, were born December 6, 1882, and died December 17 and 19, 1882.

Nicholas Howard Stone was born near Gallatin, March 4, 1830, and was married to Mary Elizabeth Hanna, May 4, 1870. [He is buried in Stone-Baulch Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Mamie Lee Stone, daughter of Nicholas Howard and M. Elizabeth Hanna Stone, was born March, 27, 1871. [She is buried in Old Salem Church Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Susan Tinnin, daughter of the same, was born March 17, 1873. [She is buried in Old Salem Church Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Clara Thomas, daughter of the same, was born June 2, 1875. [She is buried in Woodlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee.]

John Richard, son of Howard N. and Elizabeth Hanna Stone, was born July 25, 1876. [He is buried in Stone-Baulch Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

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Abner Nicholas, son of the same, was born June 10, 1878. [He is buried in Stone-Baulch Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Francis Henry, son of the same, was born July 26, 1879. [He is buried in Stone-Baulch Cemetery, Sumner

County, Tennessee.]

Minnie Sophia, daughter of Howard N. and Elizabeth Hanna Stone, was born February 2, 1882. [He is buried in Stone-Baulch Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

James Kavanaugh, son of the same, was born February 14, 1884.

Pearl Stone, daughter of the same, was born December 28, 1885. [She is buried in Stone-Baulch Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Kate Evans was born August 22, 1852. She was married to Dr. James Bryson Hanna, December 11, 1872, and died June 28, 1882.

Harry Lee, son of Dr. James B. and Kate Evans Hanna, was born November 17, 1873. [He is buried in Bethpage Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.]

Lawrence Evans, son of the same, was born October 16, 1876.

William Bayliss Corbett was born in Montgomery county, Tenn., May 2, 1852, and was married to Johnella Manassas Holder, October 16, 1884.

Mary Tinnin Corbett, daughter of William B. and Johnella Holder Corbett, was born August 19, 1887.

Thomas Gibson Watkins was born in Hart county, Ky., December 3, 1859, and was married to Jennie Lou Holder, October 29, 1885.

Thomas Graham Watkins, son of Thomas Gibson and Jennie Lou Holder Watkins, was born May 20, 1887.

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RECAPITULATION.

First generation represented by two draped and vacant chairs.

Second generation represented by seven draped and vacant chairs.

Third generation living members—eleven, present, ten.

Fourth generation living members—fifty-one, present, twenty-two.

Fifth generation living members—fifty-five, present, eight.

Those present of the third generation were:

Dr. Thomas M. Woodson and wife.

Mrs. Sue A. Rickman.

Mr. John D. Carr.

Miss Pattie Malone.

Mr. James B. Malone and wife.

Mr. J. W. Malone and wife.

Mrs. Jos. B. Andrew and husband.

Mrs. Minerva T. Holder and husband.

Mrs. Howard Stone. [my great-grandmother, Mary Elizabeth Hanna Stone]

Dr. James B. Hanna.

Those present of the fourth generation were:

Edwin A. Woodson and wife.

John C. Woodson.

Tennie Woodson.

Dr. Miller Woodson and wife.

Mrs. Georgia Franklin and husband.

Dr. E. S. Carr and wife.

Kate Carr.

Mattie Carr.

J. D. Whiteside and wife.

Walter Whiteside.

Mrs. Johnny Corbett and husband.

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Mrs. Jennie Watkins and husband.

Harry Hanna.

Lawrence Hanna.

Clara Stone. [my grandmother, Clara Thomas Stone married George Nelson Baulch]

Maybelle Andrew.

Hallie Andrew.

Joseph Sterling Andrew.

Willie Staley.

Susie Staley.

Pauline Malone.

Laura Malone.

Those of the fifth generation present were:

Nettie Bullock Woodson.

Thomas Milton Woodson.

Edwin Allen Woodson.

Annie Alma Carr.

James Frank Carr.

Mary Tinnin Corbett.

John Thomas Franklin.

Thomas Graham Watkins.

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The second reunion of the descendants of James and Susannah Bryson Hanna was held at Bethpage Methodist Church in the town of Bethpage, Sumner County, Tennessee on April 17, 1891. A written record was produced of that reunion and printed for the author in 1892. The author is not known, but it is presumed to be Miss Pattie Malone who was elected as the secretary over the proceedings.

A copy of this publication may be found in the Hanna Family File held at the Sumner County Archives, 155 East Main Street Gallatin, TN 37066.

As much as possible, the transcription below retains the spelling and formatting of the original publication. As a third great-grandchild of James and Susannah Bryson, I am honored to offer this transcription and annotation to other family researchers. My ancestral line to them is as follows:

- Howard Stone Baulch
- Father: James Homer Baulch (1915-1992)
- Mother: Clara Thomas Stone (1875-1959, identified in this publication as attending the reunion)
- Mother: Mary Elizabeth Hanna (1844-1909, identified in this publication as attending the reunion)
- Father: Abner Lee Hanna (1810-1871)
- Parents: James Abner Hanna (1765-1833) and Susanna Bryson (1773-1840)

All comments enclosed in [square brackets] are transcription annotations.